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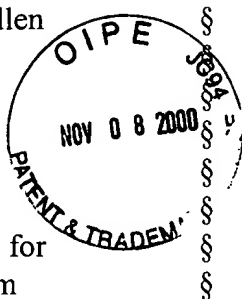
In re Applicant: Duane Le Allen

Serial No.: 08/925,703

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Title: Method and Apparatus for
Installing an Operating System

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231



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Examiner: George Opie

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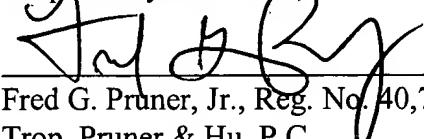
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed on September 5, 2000, claims 34-36, 39-42, 44, 47-49 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over alleged admitted prior art in view of Leyda; and claims 37,38, 43, 45-46 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over alleged admitted prior art in view of Leyda and in further view of Harding.

Leyda and the present application (recorded at Reel/Frame number 9080/0067) are both owned by the same Assignee, Micron Electronics, Inc. Because a continuing prosecution application was filed on December 20, 1999 (after November 29, 1999), 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) specifically excludes Leyda as prior art. See M.P.E.P. § 706.02(l)(1). Therefore, the Assignee requests withdrawal of the § 103 rejections and a favorable action in the form a Notice of Allowance. Please credit any overpayments and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MICE-0083-US).

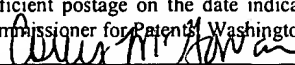
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